

# WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE BOARD PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 2008  
9:00 AM

Hampton Inn – Bellingham Airport  
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On July 18, 2008, the Occupational Therapy Practice Board met at Hampton Inn – Bellingham Airport, 3985 Bennett Dr., Bellingham, WA 98225. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

MARK LEHNER, OT, CHAIR  
D. JILL PETRIE, COTA, VICE CHAIR  
JONATHAN HARRISON, OT  
CAMILLE CURRY, OT

## **STAFF PRESENT**

VICKI BROWN, PROGRAM MANAGER 3  
TAYLOR STAIR, DISCIPLINE MANAGER  
MICHAEL BROWN, STAFF ATTORNEY  
JOY KING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
SANDIE PEARSON, PROGRAM SUPPORT  
DORI JAFFE, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

## **MEMBERS ABSENT**

MICHELLE MOULTON, PUBLIC MEMBER

## **GUESTS PRESENT**

LAURIE CONNOLLY, OT  
LORI LIBOLT, OT  
ALEX BARTL  
STEPHANIE KEIL, OT  
SUSAN LOUIE, OT, CERTIFIED HAND THERAPIST  
CHRISTINE RICE, OT

## **Friday July 18, 2008 – 9:00 AM – OPEN SESSION**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mark Lehner, OT, Chair.

1.1 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved and amended to include audience introductions.

1.2 Approval of June 12, 2008 conference call meeting minutes

The meeting minutes of the June 12, 2008 conference call were approved as presented.

1.3 Approval of Disciplinary Meeting Minutes from April 25, 2008

The disciplinary meeting minutes of April 25, 2008 were approved as presented.

**2. SCOPE OF PRACTICE REGARDING WOUND CARE**

The draft version of the statement was reviewed and discussed by the board. The board approved the statement as presented and directed staff to send it out via listserv and to all the individuals that had initially sent in e-mails regarding wound care.

**3. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DOCUMENT TITLED “PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY”**

Joy King, Executive Director, provided background information to the board regarding the “Prescribing Authority” document that the Board of Pharmacy created and maintains. The board discussed if the scope of practice for Occupational Therapy includes the authority to administer drugs ordered by an authorized prescriber.

Dori Jaffe, Assistant Attorney General (AAG), explained the other health professions who have the authority to administer drugs and are named in the “Prescribing Authority” document have specific language in their statute granting that authority.

After reviewing and discussing the statute, the board acknowledged the language granting the authority to administer drugs by an authorized prescriber was not contained in the Occupational Therapy statute. The board requested staff to draft a letter, referring to the OT Revised Code of Washington (RCW) be sent to the individual requesting the information.

**4. UPDATE ON HEALTH SANCTION GUIDELINES WORKGROUP**

Mark Lehner, Chair and Camille Curry, OT updated the board on the sanction guidelines workgroup. Ms. Curry stated that in the last workgroup session they completed eight out of 12 grids.

## **5. OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE BOARD BUSINESS PLAN**

The board will review, update and discuss the 2007 – 2009 business plan at a future meeting.

## **6. PROGRAM REPORT**

### **6.1 Budget Update**

Joy King, Executive Director, briefed the board regarding the budget and presented information on allotment versus revenue. The board was also presented an update on the interim budget for March, 2008 through May, 2008 for the Occupational Therapist account.

### **6.2 Petition for Rulemaking**

Vicki Brown, Program Manager, explained the rulemaking process to the board.

### **6.3 Other**

Ms. King updated the board on the re-organization taking place within the Department. She explained that boards, commissions, and committees are now integrated with facilities in the newly formed Health Professions and Facilities Office. She further explained that the credentialing staff is now part of the Customer Service Unit. She also stated there may be some staff changes and reassured the board that they will have input into these changes.

## **7. RULE DEVELOPMENT**

**WAC 246-847-030 Occupational therapists acting in a consulting capacity**

**WAC 246-847-055 Initial application for individuals who have not practiced within the past four years**

Board asked staff to review the Physical Therapy rules and prepare a draft to be presented at the October 3, 2008 meeting in Shoreline.

**WAC 246-847-068 Expired license**

Board asked staff to review the Physical Therapy rules and prepare a draft to be presented at the October 3, 2008 meeting in Shoreline.

**WAC 246-847-070 Inactive credential**

Board asked staff to review the Physical Therapy rules and prepare a draft to be presented at the October 3, 2008 meeting in Shoreline.

**WAC 246-847-125 Applicants currently licensed in other states or territories**

Board asked staff to review the Physical Therapy rules and prepare a draft to be presented at the October 3, 2008 meeting in Shoreline.

**WAC 246-847-XXX Renewal for those that have not practiced in four years**

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**8. RE-ENTRY PROGRAM**

The board will review and modify the requirements for the re-entry program at a future meeting.

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Occupational Therapy Practice Board Business Plan for 2007 – 2009

Proposed amendments to the following rules:

- 246-847-030 Occupational therapists acting in a consulting capacity
- 246-847-055 Initial application for individuals who have not practiced within the past four years
- 246-847-068 Expired license
- 246-847-070 Inactive credential
- 246-847-125 Applicants currently licensed in other states or territories
- 246-847-XXX Renewal for those that have not practiced in four years

Re-entry Program

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

The board reviewed and discussed the recent correspondence from an Occupational Therapist wanting to provide intra-oral techniques training to Massage Therapists. Laurie Connolly, OT provided clarifying information to the board regarding the intra-oral techniques she teaches and how it pertains to Occupational Therapy. The board agreed that intra-oral techniques are within the scope of practice of an Occupational Therapist. Staff will draft a letter to be sent to Ms. Connolly with a copy to Kris Waidely, Program Manager for the Massage Therapy Program.

**11. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT**

No public was present at this time.

**12. CONSENT AGENDA – GENERAL INFORMATION**

- 12.1 Documents from the fee rules hearing held on June 10, 2008.
- 12.2 Occupational therapy disciplinary statistics.
- 12.3 Executive Order 06-03: Investigation of health professional sexual misconduct annual report.

**CLOSED SESSION – 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

The closed session portion of the meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Mark Lehner, OT, Chair.

**13. DISCIPLINARY CASE REVIEWS**

**OPEN SESSION**

**14. OTHER OPEN SESSION BUSINESS**

There was no other open session business to be discussed.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The board adjourned at 1:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2008 in the Shoreline area. Information will be posted on the OT website.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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Janette Benham  
Program Manager

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Jill Petrie, OT, Acting Chair  
Occupational Therapy Practice Board